

Application No.: 09/748,883 *50*
Amendment Dated September 26, 2003
Reply to Office Action dated: August 29, 2003

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REMARKS

Claims 15, 17-20, and 24-26 are pending and objected to in this application.

Claims 15, 17-20, and 24-26 are amended hereby. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced into such claims, nor are any new issues raised therein.

5 The Examiner has indicated that claims 15, 17-20, and 24-26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, for which courtesy the Examiner is thanked. Accordingly, Applicants have rewritten claims 15 and 18 in independent form and have amended the other claims so as to depend from one of claims 15 and 18. As such, Applicants submit that 10 claims 15, 17-20, and 24-26 are now in condition for allowance, the allowance of which is hereby respectfully requested.

Responsive to the indication that the application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matter of claims 15, 17-20, and 24-26 currently depending from canceled claims, claims 15, 17-20, and 24-26, have been amended, keeping in mind 15 the comments offered by the Examiner. As such, Applicants submit that claims 15, 17-20, and 24-26 are in both allowable form and in condition for allowance and hereby respectfully submit that the issue with respect to formal matters has been successfully overcome.

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If the Examiner has any questions or comments that would speed prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 260/485-6001.

Respectfully submitted,



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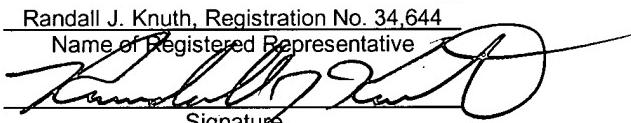
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